



Greetings

I am proud and honored to present Cincinnati Recreation Commission's 2012 Annual Report. The theme for this year's annual report, just like our marketing campaign, is "Get Informed, Get Inspired, Get Involved - Get In." On the following pages, you will find examples of the year's many great accomplishments and see how easy it is to "Get In" with CRC.

2012 was filled with programs, grand openings, and special events that drew attention to our mission - to provide recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community.

CRC staff is dedicated to serving all demographics and it shows in our programming and offerings. From fitness opportunities for adults, to water safety courses from our first-rate aquatics department and summer day camps for our kids, we impact everyone in Cincinnati, regardless of age or ability.

There's no question, we are living in tough economic times. Even in the face of budget challenges, CRC continues to provide the highest level of customer service that the City of Cincinnati has to offer. Our recreation centers, pools, playgrounds and fields are filled with smiling faces enjoying all of our great recreational opportunities.

To encourage you to stop by and see for yourself, we've lowered the cost of a junior center membership (17 & younger) to \$2. This discount was made to encourage our city's youth to take advantage of all the special programs created just for them.

On behalf of the Commission Members and CRC staff, I would like to thank you for your support. Your positive comments are the fuel that keeps us moving forward. I am also thankful for our elected officials and city administration for their continued support of recreation, and I look forward to continuing the excellence in 2013 and beyond.



Christopher A. Bigham, Director

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2012

2012 Operating Budget*

General Funds	\$16,886,890
Restricted Funds	\$4,218,400
Enterprise Funds**	\$6,922,720
Federal Funds/Grants	\$381,750
Non-Enterprise Fund Debt Service	\$0
Total Operating Budget	\$28,409,760

2012 Capital Budget

Aquatics Facilities Renovation	\$1,846,100
Recreation Facilities Renovation	\$1,355,500
Outdoor Facilities Renovation	\$533,200
Athletics Facilities Renovation	\$721,500
Compliance with the ADA	\$100,000
PC Replacement and Software Plan	\$100,000
Queensgate Recreation Area Reorientation	\$198,050
Total Capital Budget	\$4,854,350

*Includes employee benefits.

** Includes \$371,740 in Municipal Golf Fund Debt Service

	Revenue	Expenditures†
Recreation Centers	\$2,380,348	\$9,486,790
Aquatics	\$322,842	\$1,597,757
Athletics	\$517,015	\$1,290,789
Golf	\$6,054,368	\$6,294,071
Seniors	\$24,947	\$221,906
Therapeutic Recreation	\$85,092	\$576,017
Indoor Maintenance	\$0	\$2,349,681
Outdoor Maintenance	\$1,338	\$2,451,473
Administration	\$41,464	\$1,973,730
Total	\$9,427,413	\$26,242,213
Donations	\$139,894	\$230,214
Capital Projects		\$7,024,635

†Includes year-end encumbrances.

TR Sharks Win OPRA Award

The Sharks, Therapeutic Recreation's inclusive swim team, was recognized by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) with a 2012 Award of Excellence. The award was given to the Sharks on the basis of their dedication to inclusion and their extraordinary efforts to erase barriers toward people with disabilities.

(For more on the TR Sharks, see page 9.)



CRC Employees Receive Outstanding Recognitions

Mandy Bello, Service Area Coordinator for CRC Athletics, was recognized as the 2012 National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) Woman of the Year. CRC has been hosting an NABF regional tournament for

20+ years and CRC teams have continually gone to the NABF World Series. Established in 1914, the NABF is the oldest continually operated amateur baseball foundation in the country.

Marketia Hoff, of the CRC Athletics Division and Wayne Pinson, of CRC's Outdoor Maintenance Division, received 2012 Recognition Awards from Charles Kelly of the District Five West Knothole League for their continued dedication and outstanding customer service to the League.



Superintendent of Neumann Golf Course Receives National Award

Dan Austing is a team player. And he's not just saying that. Dan, the superintendent at Neumann Golf Course, won the "Team Player of the Year" award from Billy Casper Golf in February 2012.

"I was thrilled to be able to nominate Dan for this award," says Paul Holzderber, Dan's manager. "The golf course experienced some shortcomings in revenue in addition to the loss of an assistant superintendent – Dan's immediate right-hand man. Dan did an awesome job throughout the year."

Dan Austing was assistant superintendent at Neumann Golf Course from 1998 through 2001. He was promoted to superintendent in 2001.



Karen Montavon Honored for her Contributions to Tennis

American Express and the USTA honored former CRC employee Karen Montavon with the Fresh Courts Tennis Award, recognizing her tireless efforts to grow the Cincinnati tennis community. Her honor was part of a ceremony held in August to unveil the refurbished Madisonville Tennis Courts. (More about the courts on page 12.) Karen worked for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for 28 years, retiring in 2007.

Karen, we thank you so much for sharing your time and talent. You have helped thousands of youth and adults grow in this sport of a lifetime.

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Kids Learn Water Safety with “I Can Swim!”

According to the CDCP, on average 10 people die every day from unintentional drowning. The intent of CRC’s “I CAN SWIM!” project is to lower this number and to decrease the number of deaths and injuries from water-related accidents.

Launched at the beginning of summer 2012, CRC’s “I CAN SWIM!” project teaches swimming and water safety to help children and others be safe in and around the water. The project includes American Red Cross instruction designed to help swimmers of all ages begin, develop and/or refine swimming skills.

The “I CAN SWIM!” project and the scholarship program is dedicated to the memory of Cameron Jeff (age 10) and his brother Bryce (age 8), who tragically drowned in a neighbor’s backyard pool because they were unable to swim. Spearheaded by their parents, the “I CAN SWIM!” project and scholarships give meaning to Cameron and Bryce’s heartbreaking deaths.

1,419 participants benefitted from or received swim lessons in 2012, of which, 644 received scholarships through the “I CAN SWIM!” Scholarship Program.

More than 300 CAMP CRC Summer Day Camp children, from various CRC Recreation Centers participated in the “I CAN SWIM!” Derby held August 8 at the Lincoln Recreation Center. The Derby was a combination of swimming skills and fun – all in conjunction with the “I CAN SWIM!” program.



North Fairmount Sprayground Opens

CRC cut the ribbon on its new \$1.3 million sprayground in North Fairmount on May 25 – just in time for the hot weather season. Along with the installation of the sprayground, two new basketball half-courts and a picnic shelter were also dedicated. The Metropolitan Sewer District and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission provided the funding for the project.

The North Fairmount Sprayground is one of six CRC spraygrounds.



CRC Begins Renovations on Pleasant Ridge Pool

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission “pulled the plug” on Pleasant Ridge Pool on August 23. The event marked the beginning of a major \$1.4 million aquatic facility renovation. The project will replace the pool and add a sprayground. The project’s architect is Brandstetter Carroll, Inc and the contractor is CBS Construction, LLC. The new pool and sprayground are scheduled to be open for the summer of 2013.



Teens Leave Electronics at Home - RiverTrek 2012

If you can believe it, 37 teens spent five days and four nights in nature without any electronics. And they enjoyed it! These teens were on a trip of a lifetime – RiverTrek 2012. Celebrating its 16th year, CRC's RiverTrek is a 75-mile overnight adventure canoeing down the Little Miami River.

Throughout the trip, RiverTrekkers learned about each other and themselves. Many of the teens did not know each other prior to RiverTrek and for some, it was their first time out of the city. Teamwork and leadership skills were stressed as much as paddling abilities. Teens from all over Cincinnati, representing many different backgrounds, came together and started paddling on July 23 to arrive at their destination on Cincinnati's Public Landing on July 27.



Girls Play Basketball and Learn Life Skills

August 7 – 9, 100 girls from CRC's Price Hill, Westwood Town Hall, LeBlond, Millvale and Winton Hills Recreation Centers participated in Spoon's Girls Only Basketball Camp at Price Hill Center. This program was offered free of charge thanks to the Summertime Kid's Grant. The girls learned basketball fundamentals, basic life skills and how to make healthy life choices. Speakers from WSNS Academy spoke to the girls about drug awareness and healthy eating. Members of the University of Cincinnati Women's Basketball team came out to encourage the girls to study and stay in school. Each day, the girls were given a healthy lunch and at the end of camp, campers were given t-shirts with backpacks filled with school supplies.



CRC Honors Youth Workers

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission honored 90 youth at CRC's Madisonville Recreation Center on Thursday, August 9. Council Member Yvette Simpson and Recreation Commission President Dawn Denno were on hand to congratulate and recognize their hard work and dedication to CRC.

These youth worked throughout the summer for CRC's Recreation Employment Corp and Junior Counselor Mentoring programs. They experienced working with Summer Day Camps, welcome desks and assisted with other miscellaneous job duties. These experiences helped the young workers gain job skills they will need to become gainfully employed after high school graduation.



getmoreinfo: DeHart Basketball Court



Many thanks to all who voted online for DeHart Basketball Court in Walnut Hills for the Sprite Sparks Parks (the Coca-Cola Company) National Contest. Because of your voting, DeHart Basketball Court received a \$15,000 makeover.

This contest was to determine the basketball court most in need of renovation and was coordinated with the National Recreation and Parks Association. DeHart's makeover, completed in September 2012, included a new drainage system and re-surfacing.

CRC Trains World-Class Boxers

In addition to top-notch recreation programs, CRC produces quality boxing – at CRC's Mount Auburn Recreation Center to be exact. Adrien "The Problem" Broner, a professional World Junior Lightweight Champion, works out at the Mt. Auburn center and fought in HBO's July 21 Saturday night fight at US Bank Arena.

Thanks goes to local business entrepreneur and owner of 60+ LaRosa's pizzerias, Buddy LaRosa, for his contributions to the boxing program. Because of his involvement, kids are able to participate in boxing that normally would not have the opportunity.

In addition to producing professional fighters, Mt. Auburn Center also claims an Olympic boxer. Rau'shee Warren attended his third Olympic Games in 2012. He is the first and only United States boxer to visit the Olympics three times.



CAMP CRC Offers Fun for Kids

For the 2012 Summer Day Camp season, CRC introduced CAMP CRC online - a place for parents to check out all CRC camp information.

CAMP CRC includes all CRC kids' camps, such as before- and after-school, holiday, specialty and day camps.

New for 2012, CAMP CRC featured "same dates; same rates" – camp dates and three levels of tiered prices were consistent regardless of the location of the camp.

Summer day camps ran June through August and were offered at 15 of CRC's 24 recreation centers.



In the Spotlight: McKie Recreation Center

CRC had many reasons to celebrate in 2012, and one celebration was the grand re-opening of the McKie Recreation Center. For months, workers were busy at McKie Center doing renovations and upgrades and the center officially re-opened its doors in November 2012.

McKie Recreation Center received a \$4.2 million facelift that included a brand new interior design as well as a new elevator and windows. As part of the upgraded look, the McKie Family Aquatic Center has a new sprayground, new pool decks and a new pool filtration system.

During the month of December, visitors enjoyed FREE membership to the McKie Center. This included full access to programming and amenities such as fitness and martial arts classes, the gym and computer room.

In 2013, McKie Recreation Center looks forward to a full plate of programming including arts and crafts, senior activities, fitness classes and more. The summer season will bring the grand re-opening of the pool area which will offer hours of endless fun in the sun for young and old alike.

McKie Center is located at 1655 Chase Ave., 45223 and serves the neighborhood of Northside and surrounding communities. McKie Recreation Center is one of CRC's 24 recreation centers throughout Cincinnati.



CRC's IT Division Assists the Public

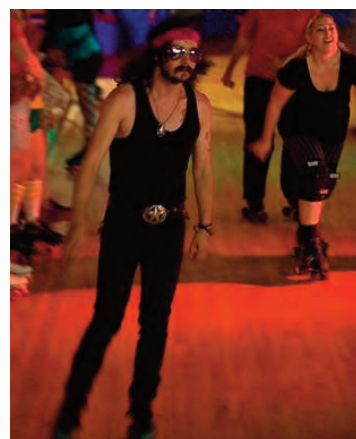
The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is committed to helping the public. And that's just what the IT Department did in 2012. CRC began the transition to wireless Internet in all centers, and provided assistance with tax preparation.

As technology steadily progresses at warp speed, it is important for CRC recreation centers to keep up. CRC's recreation centers are safe havens for youth and their activities in the city, and with the addition of laptops, smart phones, tablets, etc., it is increasingly important for our youth to be able to communicate with each other. The WiFi installation process began in February 2012, and the goal is for all CRC centers to become wireless hot spots.

OTR Hosts Skate Night

OTR Skate returned to the Over the Rhine (OTR) Recreation Center in April 2012. OTR Skate is an adult roller skating party featuring local bands and the Cincinnati Roller Girls (Cincinnati's roller derby team). Participants also took part in a raffle to win gift certificates to OTR businesses. All proceeds benefitted the OTR recreation center.

The OTR Recreation Center serves downtown Cincinnati in the Over the Rhine, Pendleton, Mohawk and West End neighborhoods. The Recreation Center offers after-school homework help, seasonal programs for youth/teens, field trips and enrichment programs. Facilities include an indoor roller rink, gymnasium, weight room, kitchen, game room, teen lounge, study room and art room.



Tax time can be stressful. In 2012, CRC lent a hand and teamed up with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to offer tax sessions at CRC's Madisonville, North Avondale and Millvale Recreation Centers. At the sessions, participants received free assistance with filing their taxes.



CRC Partners with Manas Wrestling Club

CRC kids at Lincoln Center work to gain success through wrestling each week. CRC is partners with The Manas Wrestling Club which is dedicated to changing lives of Cincinnati's at-risk and vulnerable youth. The program provides alternatives to drugs and gangs and promotes wrestling, self-discipline, teamwork, physical fitness, time management and persistence which are part of success in any arena of life.



getmoreinfo: 2012 Capital Accomplishments



New Facilities:

- Miracle League Field Pavilion
- Coy Bike Polo Court

Renovations & Repairs:

- Avon Fields Golf Course electric and HVAC replacement
- McKie Recreation Center and Pool
- Mt. Auburn Indoor Pool
- DeHart Basketball Court
- Roberts Ball Field
- College Hill Ball Field
- Daniels Ball Field
- Lunken Playfield Bike Trail
- Madisonville Tennis Courts
- Bramble Parking Lot
- Daniels Parking Lot
- Caldwell Parking Lot
- Schmidt Parking Lot
- Kellogg Parking Lot
- Paddock Hills Parking Lot
- Avondale Ball Field (ADA access)
- Pool Improvements (sound systems, umbrellas, painting, chair lifts, new filtration systems and fence replacement (at several pools)

Cincinnati Recreation Foundation

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission would not be what it is today without the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation (CRF). CRF is a 501(c)3 organization which funds programs that are over and above basic services provided by CRC. Throughout 2012, CRF raised money through various activities such as an annual golf outing and a campaign through Groupon. It focuses on raising money to provide memberships to CRC centers, aquatics activities and therapeutics programs.

CRF is working with CRC staff to raise funds to create the LeBlond Regional RecPlex at the current site of the LeBlond Recreation Center along the Ohio River. The LeBlond Regional RecPlex will be Cincinnati's first state-of-the-art, fully-inclusive and completely-accessible recreation complex. It will feature a multi-sports court, inclusive playground, indoor and outdoor fitness areas, an indoor aquatic center and sensory gardens. Fundraising and construction of the project's first phase is scheduled to be completed by late 2013.



Camp Washington Gets a New Playground

On November 10, CRC, the Camp Washington Community Board & Business Association, the Humana Foundation, KaBOOM! (a national nonprofit dedicated to saving play) and volunteers joined forces to build a one-of-a-kind playground and community garden at the Camp Washington Recreation Center – all in just six hours.

Dawn Denno, Cincinnati Recreation Commission president was on hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting that afternoon.

The project created a multi-generational space with kid-friendly playground equipment and a new community garden. A Design Day was held prior to the build to receive input from the local community.



CRC Earns Funds with Groupon

From May 28 – June 3, \$760 was raised for the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation and Cincinnati Recreation Commission through Groupon's Grassroots Campaign.

In the spirit of giving to the community, Groupon established Grassroots Campaigns which feature a non-profit – in this case, CRF and CRC – to which Groupon visitors are encouraged to donate.

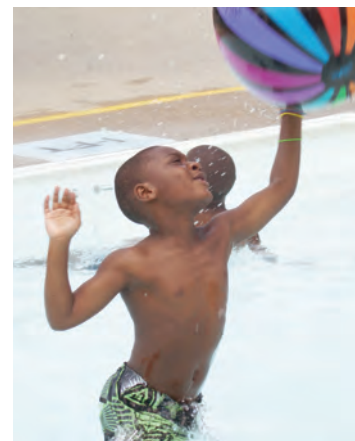
Through the money raised, scholarships for pool memberships and swim lessons were awarded to more than 20 youth.



Kids Splash with CRC

CRC, CPD & CFD partnered with the Mayerson Foundation to present the Splish Splash Beat the Heat Bash.

Splish Splash, held in August, was a free event open to kids 12 & younger which transformed Lincoln Recreation Center into a waterpark for a day. Complete with water slides and a pool party, the event highlighted the importance of water safety and attracted more than 100 kids in the West End neighborhood. Children also had the opportunity to meet Cincinnati fire fighters and police officers.



CRC YPs Raise Funds for Pools

On a warm Saturday in May, CRC's Young Professionals group produced the second annual Wet Field Day at Burnet Woods.

Cincinnati's longest Slip & Slide (about 200 feet – that's ½ a football field!) helped to cool off the 100 participants. A water balloon toss, squirt gun games, and giant Twister also contributed to the afternoon of fun.

All money raised supported CRC pool scholarships and went directly toward helping Cincinnati youth learn to swim, stay safe and play at a CRC pool.



Fore Youth! Golf Outing Raises Money for Pool Memberships

The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation (CRF) raised \$11,000 at its Fore Youth! golf outing held in June at Glenview Golf Course. Twenty-eight foursomes enjoyed the day's scramble. The money will be used for pool scholarships for 550 kids. These pool scholarships include swimming lessons as part of CRC's "I CAN SWIM!" program, named in honor of Bryce & Cameron Jeff, who drowned in a neighbor's backyard pool.

The CRF Fore Youth! golf outing is just one of the many ways that the Foundation raises funds to support the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.



Fore Youth!
Golf Outing



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**Senior Citizen
Hall of Fame
2012 Inductees**

Bond Hill Seniors:

Carolyn Sherman

College Hill Recreation:

Raymond Johnson

Delhi Senior Center:

Alice Neugebauer

Dunham Seniors:

Patricia Wahle

Evanston East Side Seniors:

Mary Roberts

Forest Park Seniors:

Carolyn Grant

GBTAC Mothers Board & Senior Alliance:

Carolyn Yvonne McNear

Hartwell Valley Seniors:

Jerri Taylor

Hyde Park Health Center:

Irma Smith

Kennedy Heights Seniors:

Arvilla Myers

Leonard Shore Senior Center:

William McDermitt

Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church

Forever Young Ministry:

Ron Logan

Lincoln Seniors:

Grace A. Sumler

Madisonville Senior Center:

Marilyn Hardin

MariElders:

Carol Olberding

McKie Seniors:

Malinda Simon

Mount Moriah Senior Mission Ministry:

Lovie Delton Tanner

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Glendale Mature Saints:

Jacqueline Allen

Newlife Outreach Church:

Grover C. Frazier Jr.

North Avondale Classic Seniors:

Marion Harper

North College Hill:

Ro Abel

Oakley Seniors:

Dorothy Fehrenbach

Over The Rhine Senior Center:

Mary Ogbebor

Peace Baptist Church:

Carl Jefferson Settles Sr.

Price Hill Seniors:

John Simpson

Senior Adult Ministry S.A.M. Quinn

Chapel A.M.E. Church:

Fern E. Berry

Sycamore Seniors:

Mary J. Albers

Western Hills Retirement Village:

Billie Sue Childs

Woodlawn Seniors:

Annie R. Robinson

CRC's Miracle League Rededicates Field

CRC's Miracle League Baseball Field was rededicated and renamed in honor of philanthropist Dick Weiland. The Dick Weiland Miracle League Field at the Dunham Recreation Complex was re-dedicated on May 20.

The field, which originally opened in the spring of 2009, is completely accessible. Mr. Weiland, with support from PNC Bank, the Simply Money Foundation, the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, the Jewish Federation, Holom House and many others, contributed to the field's phase-two construction which included repairs and renovations.

The Miracle League program offers athletes with or without disabilities an opportunity to participate in an organized and competitive league. Every effort is made to create a true baseball experience with minimal changes. CRC has been facilitating adapted baseball for 26 years – since 1986.



TR Offers an Award-Winning Inclusive Swim Team

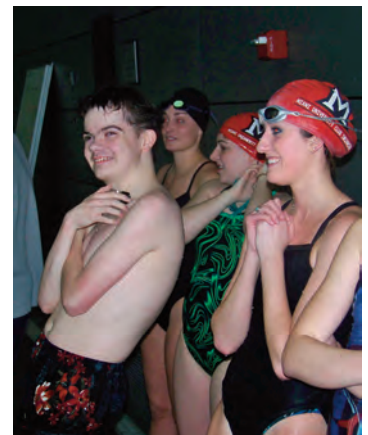
The CRC's Division of Therapeutic Recreation (TR) offers a variety of leisure services for individuals with disabilities that promote a healthy lifestyle as well as the opportunity to participate in high-quality recreational and cultural experiences in the community.

As a part of TR, the Sharks inclusive swim team provides swimming opportunities for inclusion that reduce physical, and attitudinal barriers. The TR Sharks is a competitive group of swimmers and supportive families that, regardless of ability level, practice and compete as a team.

By being part of the Sharks, participants have the opportunity to improve swim stroke technique and understanding of competitive swimming skills. Participants also work to improve endurance and increase physical activity levels needed to swim on a competitive swim team.

The Sharks were recognized by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association with a 2012 Award of Excellence. The award was given to the Sharks on the basis of their dedication to inclusion and their extraordinary efforts to erase barriers toward people with disabilities.

The TR Sharks will have a new home at the LeBlond Regional RecPlex when renovations are complete.



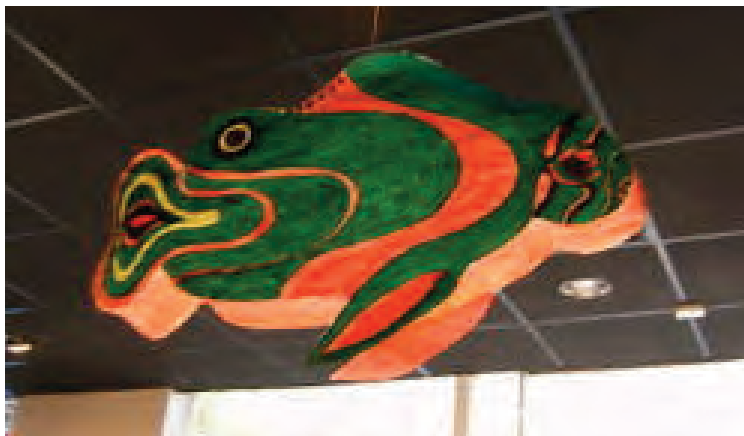
TR Supports Push America

In July, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Therapeutic Recreation Division hosted Push America at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center. Push America is part of the Journey of Hope Ride which is a bike trip across the United States to raise money for people with disabilities. Push America's visit included a Goalball demonstration, which is a sport for people with visual impairments.

Kids Collaborate with Artist

Children artists, ages 7-11, from the Clifton Recreation Center collaborated with the nationally renowned poet and playwright Y York and LaPoste Eatery to create the Flying Fish project.

Y York, a Clifton resident, composed a poem about flying fish which was used as inspiration to create sculptures which were displayed at La Poste Eatery and restaurant.



Artists Showcase Works at Clifton

The Clifton Recreation Center's Art for Artists group held a Fiber Show at The Women's Cultural Art Center for 13 days in November. The exhibit celebrated fiber techniques and applications such as silk, paper, embroidery, dyeing, felting, art quilts and wearables. Art for Artists created a large wall work of individual 12"x12" pieces resembling a visual quilt.

Clifton Recreation Center's Art for Artists is a cooperative group of novice, semi-professional and professional artists. These artists motivate and inspire each other through shared interests while building friendships and camaraderie. Participation is welcome in exchange for sharing a project, media or event.



Hirsch Presents Homegrown Theater

CRC's Hirsch Recreation Center held a 10-week, hands-on Teen Theater Camp which concluded with a production of *Maybe it's Mayberry* – an ode to the Andy Griffith show.

Participants ranging in age from 9-65 took part in the theater production put on free of charge. The theater at Hirsch Recreation Center is Avondale's only theater which produces original live performances written by CRC's own Ann James.



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CRC Hosts
OPRA Workshop



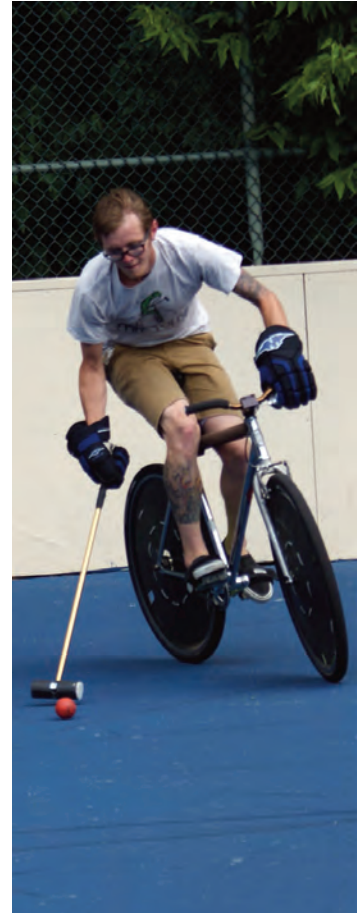
In October, Cincinnati Recreation Commission hosted 16 OPRA (Ohio Parks and Recreation Association) marketing professionals from across the region for a sports and events marketing workshop. A panel of CRC employees shared their program ideas followed by a working discussion which generated ideas for promotion. Held at Paul Brown Stadium, workshop attendees collaborated to convey marketing ideas for a productive day that included a VIP tour of the stadium.



CRC Opens Bike Polo Court

Imagine playing polo while on a bike instead of a horse – and on a hard court instead of grass. Bike polo is a fresh, up-and-coming sport and Cincinnati Recreation Commission is right in on the action! CRC developed a dedicated bike polo court in Clifton near the University of Cincinnati and officially opened it on May 24.

CRC's bike polo court is one of the few official bike polo courts in the country. Other cities have courts on which bike polo is played, but CRC's court is specifically built for bike polo play.



Lindner Tennis Center is Home to the MET Tennis Tournament

In July 2012, tennis enthusiasts were treated to Cincinnati men's and women's top tennis action at the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Metropolitan Tennis Championship, known simply as The Met. It is one of summer's many tournaments played at CRC's Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center at Lunken Playfield.



New Use for Dunham's Golf Course - Archery

When it became known that CRC would be closing the golf operations at Dunham, CRC entertained suggestions on Facebook for use of the 14 acres of green space. Should it be a Frisbee golf course or an outdoor ropes course? Perhaps an outdoor archery course? How about a fitness trail or urban garden?

Hundreds of responses came in and the winner is... a new outdoor archery course for CRC's Dunham Recreation Complex!

Dunham Recreation Complex is Cincinnati Recreation Commission's most extensive regional facility. Located off Guerley Rd. in West Price Hill, the complex features ball fields, playgrounds, the largest CRC aquatic center, sand volleyball, a recreation center and an extensive nature/walking trail.



Madisonville's Tennis Courts Receive a Makeover

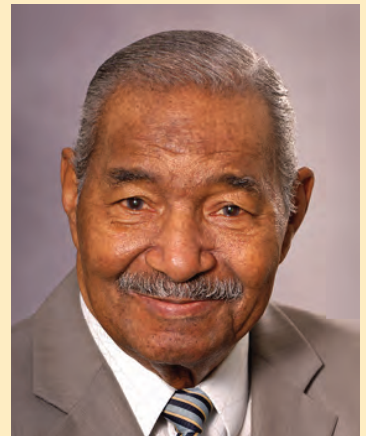
American Express and the USTA unveiled four refurbished tennis courts at CRC's Madisonville Recreation Center during a ceremony on August 13. The renovations, which included repairing and resurfacing two 78' courts and building two 36' courts, were part of the Fresh Courts program, introduced in 2010 to support local tennis in communities across the U.S.

At the ceremony, professional tennis star Sloane Stephens hit a few balls with several children from the National Junior Tennis and Learn program.

The renovation project, which began in early 2012, was completed in conjunction with the August Western & Southern Open.



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In Memory of
Roscoe A. Fultz



Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Cincinnati as a whole lost a dedicated, active and caring individual when CRC Commissioner Roscoe Fultz passed away on April 15, 2012.

Mr. Fultz was born in Madisonville and lived his life in North Avondale. A member of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Cincinnati Park Board, he was an avid golfer who coached and mentored youth.

"Mr. Roscoe," as he was known, believed in the importance and impact of the game of golf on our city youth instilling discipline and sportsmanship.

Bless you, Roscoe Fultz - you are missed!

Sayler Park Hosts 5K Run

On a rainy Saturday in July, 235 runners and walkers from age 3 – 88 traveled the beautiful tree-lined streets of Sayler Park for the 17th annual Sayler Park 5K Run/Walk. All proceeds benefitted CRC's Sayler Park Recreation Center.



The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) provides recreational and cultural activities for Cincinnatians of all ages and abilities. CRC's services can be broken down to include programming and support. This page describes CRC services.

RECREATION CENTERS

CRC Recreation Centers serve as focal points for health and wellness, community involvement and social interaction. CRC has a network of recreation centers located throughout Cincinnati to provide recreational and cultural activities for all neighbors and citizens. Neighborhood centers continue to be a vital component of Cincinnati communities and they help to maintain a high standard for Cincinnati residents' quality of life.

AQUATICS & POOLS

CRC's award-winning Aquatics Division provides fun, safe and quality aquatic programs. CRC operates a combination of outdoor and indoor, deep- and shallow-water pools and spraygrounds.

During the summer season, CRC neighborhood pools and aquatic facilities offer hours of water fun and open swimming. They double as water classrooms with swim lessons and programs such as kayaking and SCUBA and provide hundreds of summer employment opportunities.

GOLF

CRC's six golf courses offer great golf at truly affordable prices. The courses are conveniently located throughout the City of Cincinnati and feature exceptional service in friendly atmospheres. Whether you're looking to play a round with your friends or host your next corporate or community event, CRC's golf courses have what you need. The courses also offer a comprehensive adaptive golf program which caters to those with physical and cognitive disabilities.

ATHLETICS

The Athletics Division provides Cincinnati residents with fun, safe and quality programs in friendly, community-based environments. Whether it's in the gym or on the field, CRC's athletic programs meet the needs of all Cincinnatians and help enrich their lives through physical and recreational leagues. CRC's hundreds of ball fields, sand volleyball, tennis and basketball courts offer hours of enjoyment.

THERAPEUTICS

Created in 1968, the CRC Therapeutic Recreation Division (TR) is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in programs for individuals with mental, physical, learning and emotional disabilities. All individuals are invited to participate in any CRC program.

Adapted and inclusive activities include aquatics, fitness, social gatherings, bowling leagues, instructional and team sports, wheelchair sports and crafts. Participants can also enjoy special outings, movies, pizza nights and Miracle League Baseball.

SENIORS

At our centers, we know learning never ends and having a good time doesn't stop when you're young. CRC senior centers and clubs offer a wide selection of programs for those ages 50 and older such as trips, aerobics, sports and dance – something to fit every lifestyle. As part of the CRC family, seniors can play, learn something new or just relax at any Cincinnati Recreation Commission recreation center.

MARKETING, DESIGN & COMMUNICATION and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Marketing, Design & Communication and Information Technology Divisions work together to provide communications support for all CRC divisions. The Marketing & Design office promotes accurate delivery of CRC's message through image development, printed pieces, design standardization and branding strategy. The Communications office provides press releases and monitors CRC's television advertising. This office creates documentary and recruitment videos to project a positive CRC image through local broadcast outlets. The Information Technology office provides technical computer support for all centers and maintains CRC's website and social media outlets.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of fostering youth development in leadership roles. The Youth and Family Services Division (YFS) works with CRC staff to identify trends in recreation and seek alternative sources of revenue. YFS provides outlets for youth employment such as the Recreation Employment Corps, and the Junior Counselor program. Other YFS programs include the Mayor's Breakfast for Youth, RiverTrek and the Teen Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Division staff members serve as CRC liaisons to youth-servicing agencies and as mentors to CRC youth.

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

The Planning and Engineering Division guides and administers the capital improvement program for CRC and provides safe and attractive recreation facilities. This Division administers all activities related to CRC's capital budget. Capital improvements and projects range from simple replacement of capital equipment to acquisition and professional development of new recreation facilities and opportunities.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Financial Management Division supports Cincinnati Recreation Commission with comprehensive financial oversight to support goals and objectives. The division prepares and monitors the all-funds operating budget. It provides all functions of business and accounting services and assists all programs in achieving their performance target.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources (HR) Division provides the support necessary to ensure delivery of Cincinnati Recreation Commission's services. CRC's HR division provides core employee training and works with personnel across all levels. HR staff work with all CRC divisions and provide assistance as needed.

OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE and TRADES

The Outdoor Maintenance and Trades Divisions maintain CRC's network of neighborhood recreation centers and aquatic facilities and are crucial to keeping CRC's recreation centers open and safe on a daily basis. These divisions ensure the safety and care of all CRC recreation sites, aquatic facilities, athletic fields, courts and playgrounds.

Outdoor Maintenance performs grounds duties such as grass cutting, trash pick-up, playground equipment repair, field upkeep and general maintenance. The Trades Division provides expertise in areas such as electrical, HVAC, roofing, carpentry, plumbing, painting, masonry and glasswork.

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CRC Mission

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community.

We believe that by enhancing people's personal health and wellness, we strengthen and enrich the lives of our citizens and build a spirit of community in our city.

Recreation programs and facilities are open to all citizens regardless of race, gender, color, religion, nationality or disability.

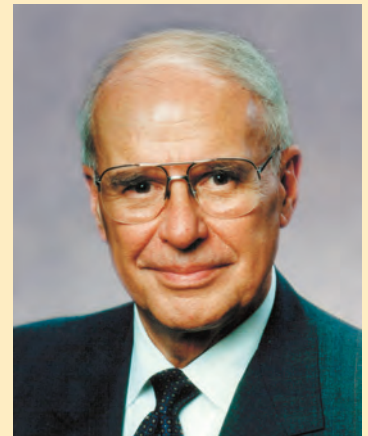
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**Otto M. Budig Jr.
 Joins CRC Board**



Otto M. Budig Jr. was appointed to the CRC Board of Commissioners in 2012.

Mr. Budig is the president of Budco Group, Inc., a closely held company with interests in intermodal transportation, equipment leasing, real estate and convention and exposition contracting.

He founded The Otto M. Budig Family Foundation which supports a range of causes in the Greater Cincinnati area with a primary focus on the arts.

Mr. Budig is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and was a United States Air Force Pilot with the Tactical & Strategic Air Commands prior to entering his family's business. He maintains an extensive list of professional and community involvements. He holds leadership positions in industry groups, including the Ohio Motor Carriers Labor Relations Association, the Motor Carrier Employee's Conference and the North American Transportation Employee Relations Association.

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2012 Volunteer Donations

	Hours Donated	Value of Hours
Recreation Centers	23,747	\$517,447
Therapeutics	211	\$4,598
Aquatics	65	\$1,416
Seniors	1,700	\$37,043
Special Projects	1,500	\$32,685
Totals	27,223	\$593,189

2012 Total Donations Value

TOTAL Values to CRC	
Volunteer Hours Value	\$593,189
Annual Donations Value	\$361,434
Athletic Scholarship Value	\$322,450
TOTAL VALUE	\$1,277,073

2012 Annual Donations

Recreation Centers	\$74,473
Youth Scholarships & Memberships	\$39,950
Youth Sports & Camps	\$62,139
Adventure & Outdoor Programming	\$7,125
Aquatics	\$44,413
Athletics & Sports, General	\$80,000
Seniors	\$7,120
Therapeutics	\$18,161
Special Projects	\$6,912
Unrestricted Funds	\$82,044
Total All Regional Donations	\$361,434

2012 Athletics Contributions

	# of Scholarships	Program Cost	Value to CRC
Jay Bruce - Baseball Camp	310	\$195	\$60,450
Heather Mitts - Soccer Camp	100	\$195	\$19,500
Anthony Muñoz - Football Academy	425	\$200	\$85,000
Anthony Muñoz - Impact Camp	50	\$1000	\$50,000
Marvin Lewis - High School Challenge	250	\$200	\$50,000
Jordan Shipley - Football Camp	225	\$200	\$45,000
George Foster - Baseball Clinic	50	\$250	\$12,500
Totals	1,510	\$2,040	\$322,450

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